

Bulganin Requests Halt In Military Operations

LONDON (AP)—Soviet Premier Bulganin has called for a world-wide military standstill in advance of a proposed East-West summit conference.

Bulganin made his proposal in a vaguely worded letter to Prime Minister Harold K. Macmillan. The letter, made public Thursday, was not clear on how a standstill could be enforced.

Administration Nixes U.S. Site For High Talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Eisenhower administration has decided against holding a summit meeting in the United States. It is considering Geneva in the fall as a likely place and time for such a conference.

An American site has been ruled out, partly because it might enhance the domestic and international stature of Soviet party chief Nikita Khrushchev who has been angling for such a trip for months.

Administration authorities familiar with the cold war outlook foresaw this acceptable chain of events as the path to a summit meeting in the Swiss city in September or October.

An East-West foreign ministers meeting in June to help prepare essential diplomatic groundwork.

Lower-level disarmament talks within the next month within a United Nations framework to discuss ending of atomic-hydrogen tests.

Informal diplomatic contacts with Soviet representatives to make progress in easing existing deadlocks on problems such as German unification, plans to strengthen the United Nations, and the future of Eastern Europe.

Grand Jury Indicts Highway Employees

HARRISBURG (AP) — Six more men, all former employees of the state highways department, Wednesday were indicted by a Dauphin County grand jury on charges of conspiring to cheat the department of \$64,000 in cinder sales.

Frank J. Petrosky, Greensburg cinders supplier, was indicted Monday by the same grand jury with cinder sales to the department for use in Armstrong and Westmoreland counties.

Petrosky also was charged in Wednesday's jury action with 10 counts of cheating by false pretenses and 7 of conspiracy. Monday he was indicted on a single count of false pretenses.

Debate Dampens Efforts To End Tunisian Fued

PARIS (AP)—Stormy debate in the National Assembly Wednesday threw a damper over U.S.-British efforts to end the feud between France and Tunisia.

The British-American good offices representatives, Robert Murphy and Harold Beeley, met for more than an hour with Premier Felix Gaillard as right-wing deputies criticized their attempts to bring about a settlement.

Indonesians Set to Attack Rebel Area

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesian government troops were still in control of Pakanbaru and Medan Wednesday. Military spokesmen said land, sea and air forces were preparing to strike at the rebel nerve center in Central Sumatra.

Rebels claimed Tuesday they had retaken the big oil center of Pakanbaru in Central Sumatra, and reopened hostilities on the outskirts of the vital port of Medan in North Sumatra.

But two American newsmen returning from Pakanbaru Wednesday said the city in the Sumatran heartland was still firmly in government hands and that there had been only a smattering of small arms fire, presumably from guerrillas.

A U.S. information officer from Medan said the city was peaceful and calm.

Air Force information chief Capt. Agus Soeroto said the government forces in Sumatra "are continuing their progress."

They are approaching their target and direct contact with the rebels in their headquarters is expected very soon.

He said air, land and sea forces were converging on the revolutionary government headquarters areas of Padang and Bukittinggi on the Central Sumatran west coast.

House Passes Bill To Spur Housing

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House today passed and sent to President Eisenhower Wednesday a \$1.85 billion emergency housing bill. The measure aims to revive the GI home loan program and spur the housing industry in general.

Initiated by the Senate, the measure won House approval without debate or a record vote. The whole process took one minute.

Backers of the bill estimate it could promote the construction of an additional 200,000 homes this year and create more than 500,000 jobs.

A threatened floor fight over raising the maximum interest rate on GI home loans failed to develop. The measure allows the President to boost the rate from the current 4½ per cent to 4¾ per cent.

The administration had sought a higher GI rate for two years, contending private lenders simply would not supply mortgage money at 4½ per cent. The administration, however, wanted a 5 per cent maximum.

Besides trying to lure more private funds into GI mortgages, the housing bill extends the GI program for two years for World War II veterans, to July 25, 1960. It also continues and expands the program of direct federal loans to veterans buying homes in areas where commercial loan sources are scarce.

Strike Terror Told to Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate probers were told today the United Auto Workers made the four-year-old strike against the Kohler Co. a "reign of terror."

"There has not been a day since the strike began when a workman who wanted to go to work could do so without fear of violence to himself, his family or his property," Lyman C. Conger, company attorney, said in a statement submitted to the Senate Rackets Committee.

"We have seen the UAW almost completely take over the local law enforcement agencies."

Conger acknowledged that in fighting the union the firm used private detectives and paid hundreds of dollars to informants who furnished affidavits denouncing strike leaders.

British officials said Bulganin's letter—the latest in a long exchange between Soviet and Western leaders—did not modify existing Soviet positions regarding summit talks.

U.S. officials said Wednesday Soviet Premier Bulganin's new note to Britain appears aimed at the U.S.-British rocket bases agreement.

Bulganin made these points: Foreign ministers of the powers should meet next month to organize the work program, composition, time and place of a summit conference, and

The Soviet Union is prepared to discuss four of the topics which President Eisenhower wants included—but not in the form envisaged by the American leader.

These four embrace a German peace settlement, the strengthening of the United Nations, the development of East-West contacts and a ban on the use of outer space for war purposes.

Russia refuses to talk about three subjects proposed by Eisenhower and endorsed by Macmillan. These are: An American-Soviet agreement to restrict the use of the veto in the UN Security Council, restoration of political freedom in the Red-ruled satellite states of East Europe, and the unification of Germany.

Newest Satellite Sighted

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—One of America's newest satellites, the 50-pound third-stage rocket which launched the moonlet, Vanguard I Monday, apparently was sighted Wednesday for the first time, by Moonwatchers in New Mexico.

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